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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 1171

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**"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A HIGHER EDUCATION TECHNOLOGY  
TRANSFER POLICY BOARD."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the  
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established the  
4 Higher Education Technology Transfer Policy Board within  
5 Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated.

6 (b) (1) (A) There shall be fifteen voting members of the board, which  
7 shall be appointed as follows:

8 (i) Seven members shall be appointed by the Commissioner of  
9 Higher Education, three of whom shall be faculty or staff members of  
10 the office of Technology Commercialization at The University of  
11 Connecticut, one of whom shall be a faculty or staff member of a

12 Connecticut State University with the capacity to conduct research and  
13 perform technology transfer to Connecticut businesses and who is  
14 involved in such university's technology transfer office, and three of  
15 whom shall be faculty or staff members from a private university or  
16 college in the state with the capacity to conduct research and perform  
17 technology transfer to Connecticut businesses and who are involved in  
18 such university's or college's technology transfer office;

19 (ii) Two members shall be appointed by the Governor;

20 (iii) One member shall be appointed by the president pro tempore of  
21 the Senate;

22 (iv) One member shall be appointed by the speaker of the House of  
23 Representatives;

24 (v) One member shall be appointed by the majority leader of the  
25 House of Representatives;

26 (vi) One member shall be appointed by the majority leader of the  
27 Senate;

28 (vii) One member shall be appointed by the minority leader of the  
29 House of Representatives; and

30 (viii) One member shall be appointed by the minority leader of the  
31 Senate.

32 (B) Each gubernatorial or legislative appointment to the board shall  
33 be a representative of a technology firm that is part of an economic  
34 cluster within the state.

35 (2) The ex-officio nonvoting members shall consist of the following  
36 members, or their designees: The Commissioners of Higher Education  
37 and Economic and Community Development and the president and  
38 executive director of Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated.

39 (3) The appointed members shall serve for a term of four years. The

40 members of the board shall serve without compensation but shall,  
41 within the limits of available funds, be reimbursed for expenses  
42 necessarily incurred in the performance of their duties.

43 (4) The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development  
44 shall be the chairperson of the board. The chairperson shall schedule  
45 the first meeting of the board, which shall be held not later than  
46 August 1, 2011. Thereafter, meetings of the board shall be held  
47 quarterly and at such other times as the chairperson deems necessary.

48 (5) The board may create other positions it deems necessary and  
49 may fill such positions from among its members. Five members of the  
50 board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business or  
51 exercise of any power of the board. For the transaction of any business  
52 or exercise of any power of the board, the board may act by a majority  
53 of the voting members present at any meeting at which a quorum is in  
54 attendance. The board may solicit and receive funds from any public  
55 or private sources to carry out its activities.

56 (c) The Higher Education Technology Transfer Policy Board shall:

57 (1) Develop and implement a plan to review the status of the state  
58 economy and determine (A) which business or technology sectors  
59 would be the most beneficial for the promotion of long-term job  
60 creation and economic growth, and (B) whether The University of  
61 Connecticut or any Connecticut State University or private college or  
62 university with the capacity to conduct research and perform  
63 technology transfer to Connecticut businesses having representation  
64 on the board has adequate faculty and research programs to support  
65 industry needs for research, technology and graduates for the business  
66 or technology sectors;

67 (2) Develop a method to periodically review the impact and  
68 programmatic needs of The University of Connecticut or any  
69 Connecticut State University or private college or university with the  
70 capacity to conduct research and perform technology transfer to  
71 Connecticut businesses having representation on the board, and utilize

72 such method to make recommendations to said universities or colleges  
73 for ways to improve such programs that support technology transfer  
74 and economic development;

75 (3) Develop and implement a plan for such universities or colleges  
76 to negotiate research collaborations with businesses and industries in  
77 the state for development of technology by such universities or  
78 colleges in conjunction with such businesses and industries; and

79 (4) Develop and implement a plan to provide The University of  
80 Connecticut or any Connecticut State University or private college or  
81 university with the capacity to conduct research and perform  
82 technology transfer to Connecticut businesses with support for any  
83 negotiation pursuant to subdivision (3) of this subsection.

84 (d) The board may request other state agencies, including, but not  
85 limited to, the Departments of Higher Education and Economic and  
86 Community Development and Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated,  
87 to provide information, reports and other assistance in carrying out its  
88 duties.

89 (e) On or before January 1, 2012, and every two years thereafter, the  
90 chairperson of the board shall submit a report, in accordance with the  
91 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the Governor and  
92 the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having  
93 cognizance of matters relating to commerce and higher education.  
94 Such report shall indicate: (1) Which business or technology sectors  
95 would be the most beneficial for the promotion of long-term job  
96 creation and economic growth and whether there is adequate faculty at  
97 universities or colleges in this state to prepare students for jobs in such  
98 sectors, (2) the success of technology transfer programs at The  
99 University of Connecticut or any Connecticut State University or  
100 private university or college with the capacity to conduct research and  
101 perform technology transfer to Connecticut businesses with  
102 representation on the board, (3) the success of such universities or  
103 colleges in negotiating and implementing research collaborations, and

104 (4) any support the board has provided such universities or colleges in  
105 negotiations for research collaboration. The board shall also make  
106 recommendations for legislative action needed to assist the board in  
107 achieving its directive."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section